



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Hal Stratton
 Commissioner Thomas H. Moore
 Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

ITEM:

Federal Register Notice Stating Adjusted Customs Value for Cigarette Lighters
(Briefing package dated March 18, 2004, OS No. 5253)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to issue a Federal Register notice stating the increased customs value for cigarette lighters subject to the Commission's Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters. The cigarette lighter standard requires that disposable and novelty lighters meet specified requirements for child-resistance. 16 C.F.R. part 1210. The standard defines disposable lighters as those that either are (1) non-refillable or (2) use butane or similar fuels and have "a Customs Valuation or ex-factory price under \$2.00, as adjusted every 5 years, to the nearest \$0.25, in accordance with the percentage changes in the monthly Wholesale Price Index from June 1993." The Commission staff states that an increase to \$2.25 was needed in 2003. The Compliance staff will exercise enforcement discretion and enforce the \$2.25 threshold amount only with respect to lighters manufactured or imported on and after March 1, 2004.

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd A. Stevenson".

Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

* Ballot vote due March 29, 2004